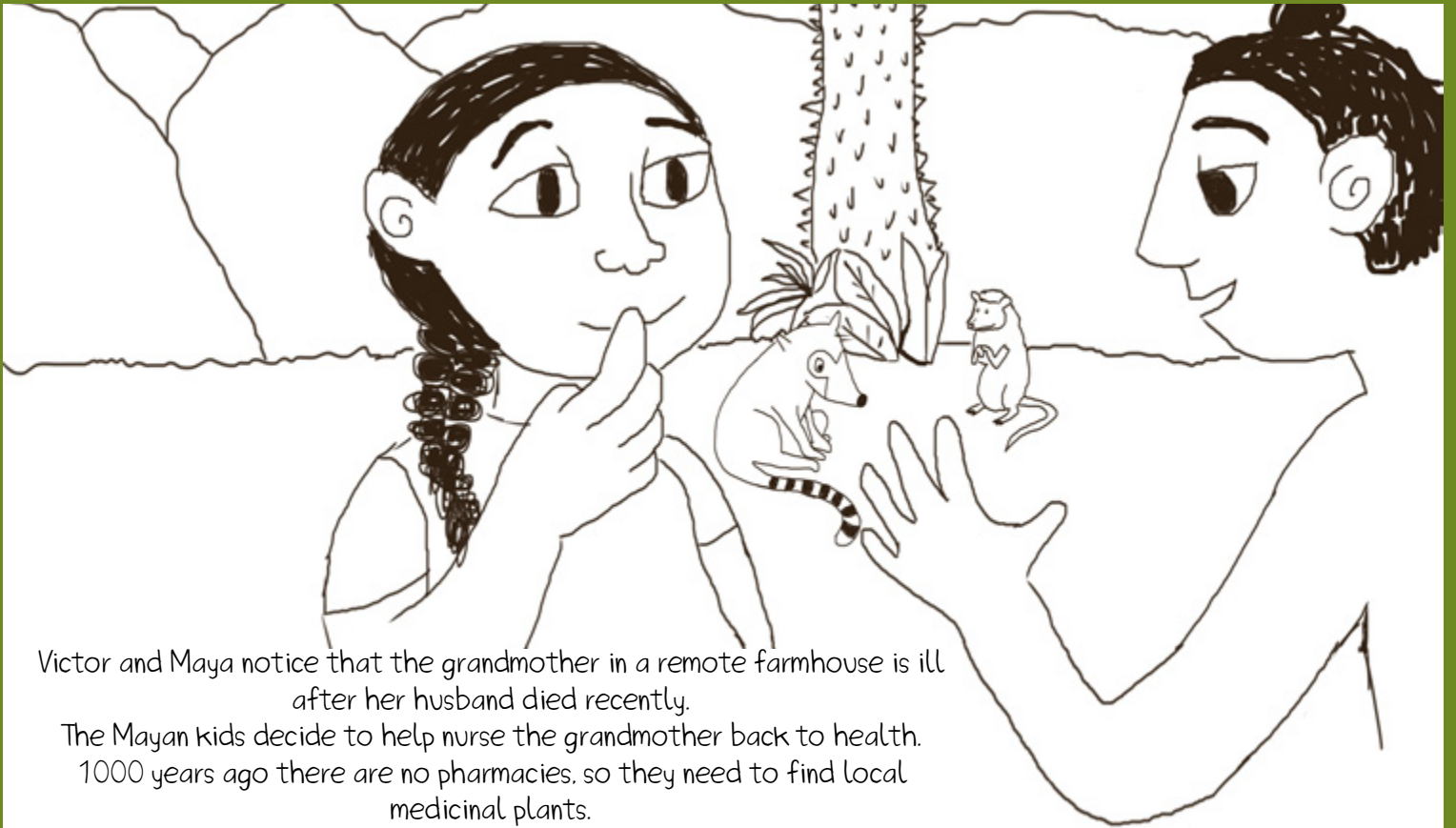


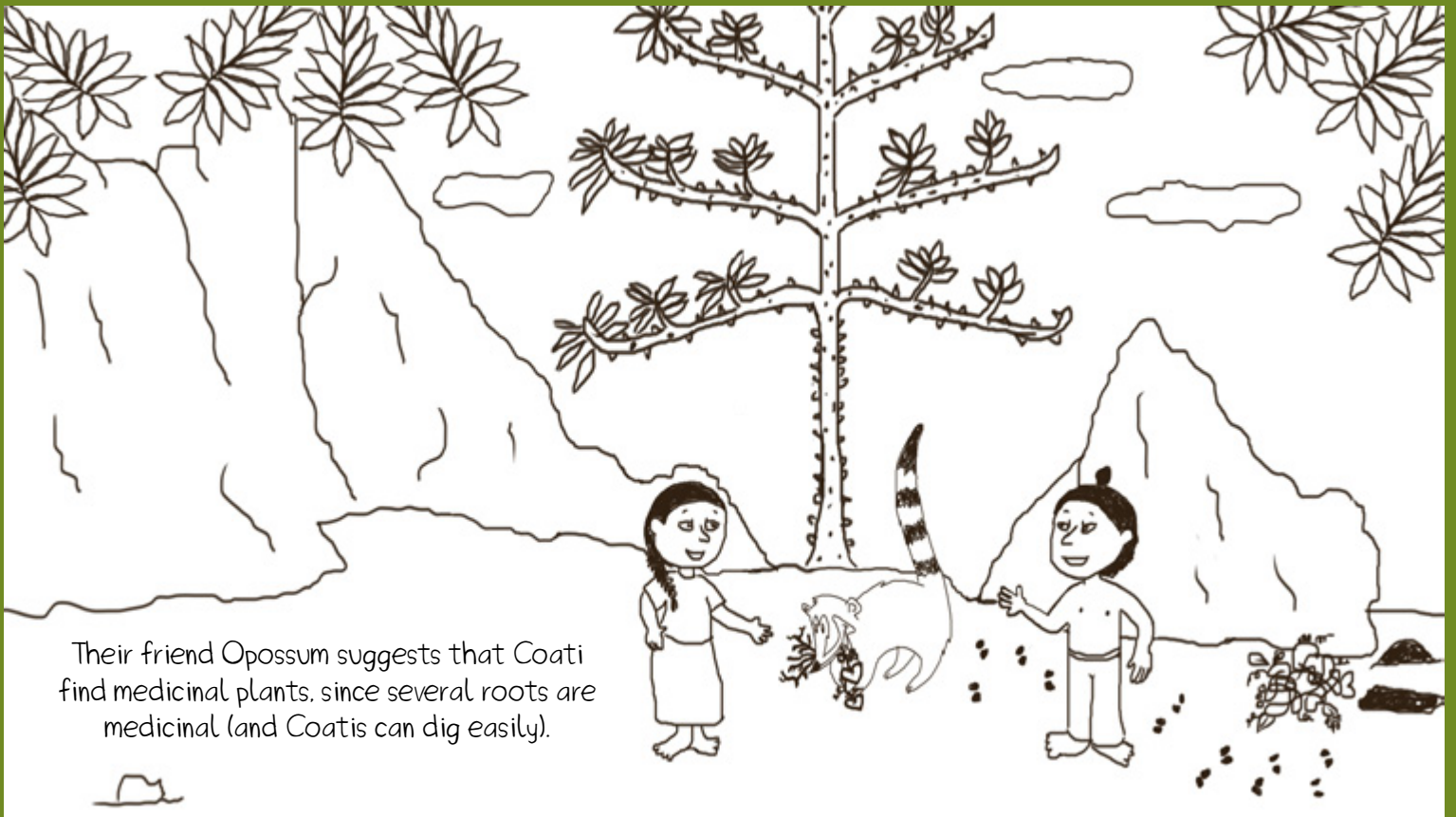
Finding Medicine For Ailing Grandmother



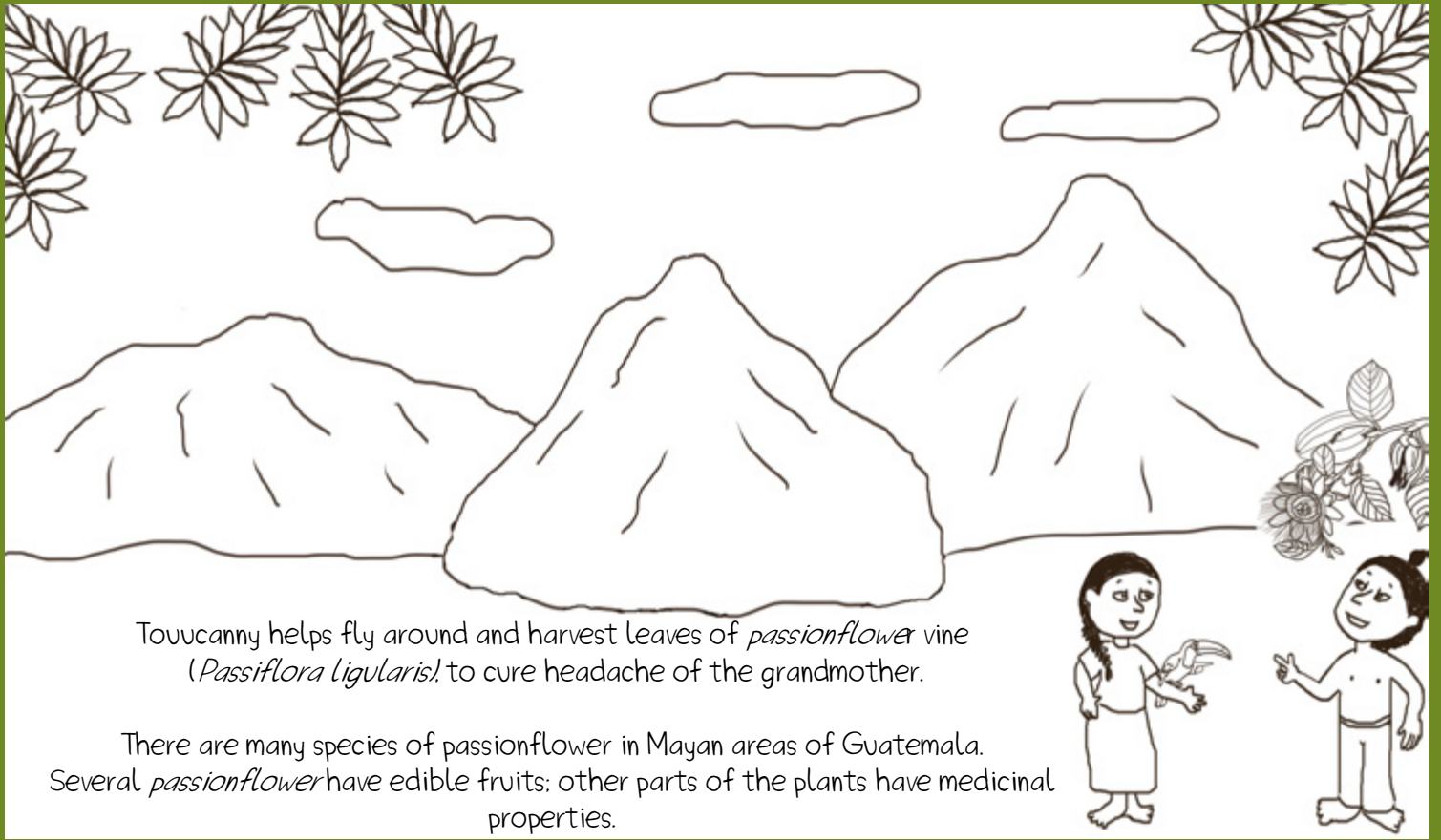
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Victor and Maya notice that the grandmother in a remote farmhouse is ill after her husband died recently. The Mayan kids decide to help nurse the grandmother back to health. 1000 years ago there are no pharmacies, so they need to find local medicinal plants.

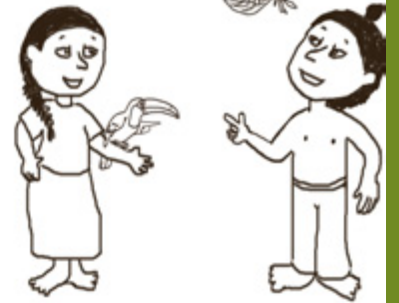


Their friend Opossum suggests that Coati find medicinal plants, since several roots are medicinal (and Coatis can dig easily).



Toucanny helps fly around and harvest leaves of *passionflower* vine (*Passiflora ligularis*), to cure headache of the grandmother.

There are many species of *passionflower* in Mayan areas of Guatemala. Several *passionflower* have edible fruits; other parts of the plants have medicinal properties.



Once the grandmother becomes well, to thank Victor and Maya, she whispers that she will tell them the secrets of the earlier Maya civilization, knowledge handed down to her by her ancestors, of a remarkable culture, waiting to be discovered.

Finding Medicinal Plants To cure the elderly Grandmother

- If you can find a cure for cancer....
- If you can find a cure for diabetes...
- If you can find a cure for skin deterioration...
- For diseases of the blood...

Then it is worth spending two or three years searching all the diverse eco-systems to make an annotated list of as many native medicinal plants as possible.

Then these plants can be studied, and treatment can be developed, to help cure illness, pain and suffering in remote villages as well as in urban areas.

For more information on flora: www.maya-ethnobotany.org
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